GIVES BACK

ne of SIOR's founding principles is centered around service—service to clients, service to the industry, and service to the community. Throughout 2019, SIORs from around the country honored this principle of service by giving back to their communities in a variety of ways. From packaging food for developing countries, to fostering confidence and self-esteem in children with special needs, to beautifying a local school, our Chapters and members gave their time, energy, and care to those around them. Check out some of the ways our amazing Chapters and members gave back to their communities throughout this last year.



SIOR Arizona Chapter

For the second year in a row, the SIOR Arizona Chapter spent April 25 working with Feed My Starving Children, a non-profit organization that packs and distributes food to developing nations.



SIOR Canada Central Chapter

Members of the SIOR Canada Central Chapter held their second Habitat for Humanity Build on September 12. Members, sponsors and CRE industry professionals joined the build team of nice and spent the day in Habitat's build site on Merritt Avenue, Mississauga. The Chapter looks forward to being more involved with Habitat for Humanity going forward and hope to see more CRE industry professionals join our builds in the future.

"Community service is the rent we pay for occupying space in our community. Pay a fair rent and pay it on time."

-John Speropulos, SIOR, Middle and East Tennessee Chapter President



SIOR Chicago Chapter

The SIOR Chicago Chapter spent the day at Feed My Starving Children in Shaumburg. SIOR Global President, Mark Duclos, SIOR, joined the group. Together—along with the other packers at the event—the group helped pack 228 boxes of food which will feed almost 135 children for a year.



SIOR Chicago Chapter

SIOR Chicago Chapter donated 34 \$500 Trunk Scholarships to support the Ada S. McKinley College-Bound Trunk Scholarship program for 2019 – a total donation of \$17,000. Students receiving the scholarships are selected based upon the submission of a written essay describing how the Trunk Scholarship award would allow them to be suitably prepared to enter their first year of college. This marks the ninth year of the Chapter's support of this worthwhile charitable initiative.



SIOR Colorado Chapter

The SIOR Colorado Chapter presented a check for \$32,000 to the Children's Hospital Pediatric Mental Health Institute to benefit teen mental health and teen suicide prevention. The funds were raised during the 22nd Annual Developer/Broker Golf Tournament and sponsored by major donors including Mark IV Capital and Majestic Realty.



SIOR Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Chapter

In September, several members of the SIOR Connecticut/ Western Massachusetts Chapter participated in a "Service Build Day" with Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County. Members worked alongside other volunteers and future homeowners on a new residential unit in Bridgeport, Conn.



SIOR DFW / North Texas Chapter

On May 29, the SIOR DFW / North Texas Chapter joined together to pack meals for developing nations through Feed My Starving Children.



SIOR Greater Los Angeles Chapter

On May 4, the SIOR Greater Los Angeles Chapter worked with Sharefest Inc. to improve the landscape of a local middle school. Some of the members included their own children in the day, allowing the principle of service to extend to the next generation!



SIOR Inland Empire & Orange County Chapter

For the second year, the IEOC Chapter partnered with Best Day Foundation, an organization dedicated to enabling children and young adults with special needs to build their confidence, broaden their experiences, and connect with their community. SIOR CEO, Tom McCormick, SIOR, also joined in on the fun of the day!

SIOR Memphis Chapter

For the second year, the SIOR Memphis Chapter worked with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Memphis to help renovate and clean up the Club.



SIOR Philadelphia Chapter

The SIOR Philadelphia Chapter spent time at the Comprehensive Learning Center, renovating the area around the center and spending time with some amazing Children. SIOR President-Elect, Pat Sentner, SIOR, was able to spend the day with the group.



SIOR Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania, Northern West Virginia Chapter

On May 16, the SIOR Pittsburgh, W. Pennsylvania, and Northern West Virginia Chapter hosted a Bowl-a-Rama Fundraiser. With over 70 attendees, they raised \$3,500 for the Wounded Warrior Project.

SIOR Southeast Region

Members of the SIOR Southeast Regional raised \$5,000 for the Dee Norton Advocacy Center, with four chapters contributing \$500 each and the Southeast Regional Conference providing matching funding. In honor of the work the charity does, each Chapter fielded participants in an obstacle course full of child-sized activities as a way to bring competition and a bit of light-hearted fun to the conference.



IOR encourages all of our Chapters and members to continue serving their communities every day of the year. Tag #SIORGivesBack when you highlight the amazing work you're doing so we can celebrate with you!